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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MPOL PBOR EAID LA VM CB
SUBJECT: VIETNAMESE AMBASSADOR SPEAKS OF FOOD AID TO LAOS, DENIES
VIETNAMESE INTENTION OF ATTACKING KAMPUCHEA

1. ACCORDING TO A WESTERN AMBASSADOR RESIDENT IN
VIENTIANE, THE VIETNAMESE AMBASSADOR TOLD HIM MARCH 1
THAT VIET NAM WAS GOING TO GIVE LAOS 10,000 TONS OF
RICE FOR EMERGENCY DROUGHT AID.

2. A SEPARATE SOURCE TOLD US THAT THE VIETNAMESE HAD
INTRODUCED THE TOPIC OF THE SRV-GDK CONFLICT IN THE
SAME CONVERSATION AND HAD TOLD THE AMBASSADOR THAT
DESPITE RUMORS OF VIETNAMESE PREPARATION FOR AN UP-
COMING ATTACK AGAINST KAMPUCHEA, VIET NAM HAD NO
INTENTION OF ATTACKING HER INDOCHINA NEIGHBOR.

3. COMMENT: GIVEN THE SRV'S OWN STAGGERING FOOD
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SHORTAGE, THE REPORTED FOOD AID TO LAOS SEEMS ODD.
IT IS POSSIBLE OF COURSE THAT HANOI IS SIMPLY DESCRIB-
ING ITS PROVISIONING OF VIETNAMESE TROOPS IN LAOS AS
EMERGENCY DROUGHT AID.

4. PERHAPS MORE INTERESTING THAN THE VIETNAMESE
AMBASSADOR'S DENIAL OF VIETNAMESE INTENTIONS TO STRIKE

AT KAMPUCHEA, WHICH MAY OR MAY NOT BE TRUE, IS THE FACT
THAT THE VIETNAMESE FELT CONSTRAINED TO SURFACE THE
TOPIC WITH A WESTERN AMBASSADOR.
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